

Subject: Re: Island Sprinkler

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Date: 08/16/2010 05:31 PM

To: Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org>

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I'm sorry this is becoming so difficult.

We had originally wanted to include this area within the BID boundaries. That's where we started to get hung-up w/ Jim Kennedy 2 years ago. I'm sure we will get back to that point as soon as we can get the "strip lots" dedicated just because it will be easier for everyone. So maybe that's a "sales point" with the Department: "It's only for a year until we get the BID boundary expanded."

Thanks Nate.

On Mon, Aug 16, 2010 at 5:19 PM, Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org> wrote:

I was under the assumption that the median was within the BIDs boundaries.

Thanks for clarification. I'll let you know what comes out of next weeks meeting.

-Nate

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By State Law, the BID cannot spend assessment revenues to perform services on properties that do not pay assessments (i.e. outside of the BID area). The BID can do the work with it's vendors, who are less expensive than the City's vendors, if a non-assessment source of funds for the work is available (ie a contract for maintenance with the City). Source: Miranda Paster, City Clerk's Office (213) 978-1111. There is no discretionary decision-making involved.

I can't believe that any City Department could resist a Council Member's insistence that the Department save money in his District. Especially when the numbers are so small. How much did it cost the City to mow the grass last week?

Thanks, Nate.

On Mon, Aug 16, 2010 at 4:39 PM, Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi John,

I contacted Street Services about the sprinkler...they should send someone to fix it soon.

As far as responsibility for maintenance of the median....I think it's a great idea, but last we heard Street Services is holding off on any contracts for median maintenance because of \$\$\$. I'm sure it will be easy to convince the city to give you guys the responsibility but as you know, they won't want to pay. Is there any chance that the Westchester BID would consider paying for the maintenance? I believe that the Gateway to LA BID currently maintains their medians and pay a contractor to do the work.

We have a CD-11 staff meeting with Street Services next Tuesday. The GM is suppose to attend to explain the cuts we have to deal with in the new budget. This meeting will be a perfect opportunity for me to ask if there is a way that the City can save money by transferring all the maintenance responsibilities to the Westchester BID.

-Nate

On Mon, Aug 16, 2010 at 1:50 PM, <jruhlen916@aol.com> wrote:

Arturo and Nate,

This island also has water running of the south portion of the median. It is visible driving north on Sepulveda.

Has there been any progress in getting the City to give the responsibility of the maintenance to the Westchester Town BID as per our letter to the Councilman???

Please let us know.

Thanks

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Musella <rbmusella@earthlink.net>

To: Don Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>; John Ruhlen <jruhlen916@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, Aug 16, 2010 12:58 pm

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Hi,

A sprinkler on the island between 83rd and 84th has been on since Thursday last. It is still on. The sprinkler is at the north end of the island.

Barbara

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